

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, at line 11 of the specification as shown below:*

It is also preferred that the body portion is shaped to be substantially cylindrical and extending along a central axis when full and that the cover means is cap-like and adapted to cover and extend below the opening when the cover fastening means is fastened to the body portion.

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 16 of the specification as shown below:*

Accordingly, it can be seen that the sack of the present invention is suitable for compressing compressible material contained therein, and has a pliable body portion 20 for receiving the material, the body portion having a lower base portion 22, wall means 21 and an upper opening 23 for introducing the material into the sack and removing it therefrom. The sack also has cover means 28 exterior to body portion 20 which is fixed thereto proximate the opening 23. Cover means 28 has cover fastening means 29, 30, 32 aligned parallel to the central axis for releasably fastening to body portion 20 proximate base 22 whereby cover means 28 covers opening 23. The sack also has a plurality of straps 25 and/or connectors 26 aligned parallel to the central axis and exterior to body portion 20 and attached thereto at 27. The cover fastening means 29, 30 and the plurality of straps 25 and/or connectors 26 are operable to compress material in body portion 20 along its central axis.

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 31 of the specification as shown below:*

Similarly it can be seen that the backpack of the other aspect of the present invention has a pliable body portion 20 having a lower base portion 22, wall means 21 and an upper opening 23 for introducing material into the backpack and removing it therefrom. The

backpack also has cover means 28 exterior to the body portion which is fixed thereto proximate opening 23. Cover means 28 has cover fastening means 29, 30 aligned parallel to the central axis for releasably fastening to body portion 20 proximate base 22 whereby cover means 28 covers opening 23. The backpack also has a plurality of straps 25 and/or connectors 26 aligned parallel to the central axis and exterior to body portion 20 and attached thereto at 27. The backpack also has shoulder straps 33 exterior to body portion 20 and fixed at 34 thereto proximate opening 23. Shoulder straps 33 cooperate in use with at least one of the plurality of straps 25 and/or connectors 26 and are stowable when not in use. Cover fastening means 29, 30 and the plurality of straps 25 and/or connectors 26 are operable to compress material in body portion 20 along its central axis.